

# Deadline to File Tax Return Moves Closer

**By REYNOLDS KNIGHT**  
Time's running out. You've got less than a month to file your income tax—deadline is April 17 this year—and if you still have the onerous task before you, here are some tips that may make your job easier and less costly.

If you're an investor, you can deduct the fees you've paid for advice, whether or not it involves the management of your portfolio; state transfer taxes on the sale of stock; the cost of keeping a safe deposit box, and travel expenses to inspect out-of-town property investments. Brokers' commissions and costs related to tax-exempt bonds are NOT deductible.

If you run a sideline business for profit, even if it's a

hobby like raising pets or flowers, you can deduct business losses and expenses. You must prove, though, that the business is run for profit.

**IF YOU'VE** changed jobs and moved without company reimbursement, you can claim the cost of the moving van, packing, in-transit storage, insurance, the shipping expense for your car, and even family transportation. You CANNOT deduct the cost of the hotel or living quarters while you're waiting for your new residence to be ready. Nor may you claim, under revised law, any loss on the sale of the home you leave.

If you're a widower or divorced, regardless of income, you can take a child-care deduction of \$600 for one child,

\$900 for two or more, if you hired a baby sitter so you could work.

**LADIES**, if you do your own ironing, or any part of it, you'll have to learn some new tricks.

The old-fashioned package of ironing starch is giving way to a new breed of aerosol-packaged ironing aids. These will make your Monday ironing chore easier, but you will have to learn how to shop for them.

One of the first things to do before you buy, says Steele Elmi, who is manager of research and development for the aerosol division of Scovill Manufacturing Company, is to read the directions on the label carefully.

If the can is marked "natural starch," it's best suited for shirts and blouses where a "soft hand" is desired.

**IF THE LABEL** indicates a synthetic type of starch, it's best used for little girls' party dresses, puffed sleeves, or for slips worn beneath bouffant skirts, things where a more permanent starched finish is needed.

In between the hard and soft finishes are the aerosols labeled "ironing aids." These will give a shiny and smooth finish to the fabric.

Also, look for the fatigue-relief button engineered into some of the newer aerosols. "The average housewife presses the actuator button on the aerosol can a minimum of

30 times an hour in the home laundry," says Steele. "If her finger is working a straight up-and-down button on the can it will get a lot more tired than it does pressing the so-called "tilt" (slant-top) button, which needs low pressure."

**IN A FEW WEEKS**, parking offenders in New York will be able to pay their fines at neighborhood banks. . . . A West Haven, Conn., bakery sold green bagels on St. Patrick's Day in bags that read: "Erin Go Bragh—Shalom." . . . A Pennsylvania legislator introduced a bill to label liquor bottles as "dangerous to health" . . . It takes 12 or 13 dial movements, but telephone users in some situa-

tions are now able to dial local numbers in London or Paris direct.

American homes, like the nation's airlines, appear to be aiming more and more for "on-time" operation. That's the conclusion to be drawn from statistics reported by a watch company executive.

Household clocks, according to vice president Irving Holczer of Bulova Watch Company, are outselling wrist watches by a five-to-four ratio. Unit sales of these products are running at a rate of about 25 million annually, he says, and dollar retail sales in 1967 may total a record \$400 million.

**THE TREND** to cordless electric styles is a major fac-

tor in boosting clock sales, Holczer says. This, he points out, is evident both in decorator clock models for living rooms and in clock-radios for bedroom and kitchen use. The latter market alone is expected to reach \$140 million at retail this year, he says.

Holczer's firm pioneered the cordless clock-radio market and just a year ago introduced a line of Caravelle cordless decorator clocks that has doubled in size in 12 months.

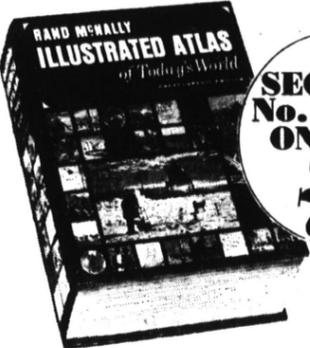
The "Chair Fixer Kit" contains a tube of adhesive and a hypodermic-type applicator with a tip long enough to reach hard-to-get-at places. It can be used to bond wood, cloth, canvas, paper and pottery . . .

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